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SUBJECT: US-TURKEY RELATIONS

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL, DURING FEBRUARY 28 CALL ON ASST SECRETARY VEST, ASKED FOR ASSESSMENT OF VISIT OF NIMETZ TEAM TO ANKARA. VEST SAID THAT TALKS HAD HELPED CLARIFY A NUMBER OF KEY POINTS RELATING TO ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE MATTERS.

2. VEST SAID WE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY ECEVIT'S DETERMINATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS THROUGH THE SUMMIT WITH CARAMANLIS. VEST EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS ON WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, NOTING
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THAT THEY WILL BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED. HE ADDED THAT WE HAVE CAUTIONED THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO EXAMINE PROPOSALS TO SEE IF THEY CONSTITUTE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION AND NOT TO DISMISS THEM OUT OF HAND. CHRISTOPHER

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